

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An alert method relating to a remaining fuel amount of a fuel cell system comprising:

switching from an operation state of the fuel cell system to a stopped state of the fuel cell system;

detecting that the fuel cell system is switched to a stopped state; and

communicating information related to the remaining fuel amount ~~to a user~~ when fuel of the fuel cell system is consumed to an information terminal of a user located at a point away from a moving body that the fuel cell system is disposed on, when the fuel cell system is switched to the stopped state.

2. (Previously Presented) The alert method of claim 1, wherein communicating information related to the remaining fuel amount further comprises at least generating an alert for the user when fuel of the fuel cell system is consumed and the remaining fuel amount falls to an alert generating level.

3. (Previously Presented) The alert method of claim 2, wherein generating the alert for the user is implemented when fuel is consumed due to the fuel cell system performing a heat-retention operation.

4. (Previously Presented) The alert method of claim 2, wherein the alert is sent to an information terminal of the user using wireless communication.

5. (Previously Presented) The alert method of claim 2, wherein generating the alert for the user is implemented multiple times in response to the remaining fuel amount.

6. (Currently Amended) The alert method of claim 2, wherein
the fuel cell system is mounted in a moving body, and
the alert includes information related to at least one of a remaining fuel
amount, a possible remaining heat-retention operation time of the fuel cell system, a possible
remaining running mileage of the moving body, ~~and vehicle position information~~, a distance
to the nearest fuel station and a route information to nearest fuel station.

7. (Previously Presented) The alert method of claim 6, wherein
the alert generating level is set such that the possible remaining running
mileage of the moving body includes a margin with respect to the distance to the nearest fuel
station.

8. (Previously Presented) An alert method relating to a remaining fuel amount of
a fuel cell system mounted in a moving body comprising:

switching from an operation state of the moving body to a stopped state of the
moving body;

detecting that an ignition switch of the moving body is switched to the stopped
state; and

communicating information related to the remaining fuel amount to a user
when fuel of the fuel cell system is consumed when the ignition switch is switched to the
stopped state to an information terminal of a user at a location away from the moving body
using wireless communication.

9. (Previously Presented) The alert method of claim 8, wherein
communicating information to the user is conducted at every fixed time
period.

10. (Previously Presented) The alert method of claim 8, wherein

communicating information to the user is conducted when the remaining fuel amount falls to an alert generating level.

11. (Previously Presented) The alert method of claim 8, wherein communicating information to the user is conducted in response to a request from the user.

12. (Previously Presented) The alert method of claim 8, wherein the fuel cell system stops consumption of the fuel in response to a system stop command after receiving the system stop command from the user.

13. - 23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The alert method of claim 1, wherein the remaining fuel amount is reduced when fuel of the fuel cell system is consumed in the stopped state when the fuel cell system is switched to the stopped state.

25. (New) The alert method of claim 1, wherein the information terminal is selected from the group consisting of cellular phone, PDA, personal computer and house phone.

26. (New) The alert method of claim 1, wherein the information related to the remaining fuel amount is at least one of a tank pressure and a tank weight.